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Education Department awards Reading First grants to 11 Providence, Pawtucket Schools

The R.I. Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has selected 11 elementary schools in Providence and Pawtucket as the recipients of the first round of grants from the federal Reading First program.

The schools receiving the grants, which range from \$150,00 to \$200,000, are:

In Providence (8 Schools):

- Alan Shawn Feinstein Elementary School on Broad Street
- Alfred Lima, Sr., Elementary School
- Charles Fortes Academy
- Laurel Hill Avenue School
- Mary E. Fogarty Elementary School
- Robert L. Bailey, IV Elementary School
- Webster Avenue School
- Windmill Street Elementary School

In Pawtucket (3 Schools):

- Curvin-McCabe School
- Henry J. Winters School
- Potter-Burns School

The goal of the Reading First program “is to ensure that all children in America learn to read well by the end of third grade.” Reading First coaches will be assigned to each of the 11 schools receiving the grants, and there will be ongoing professional development for the teachers in those school throughout the year and through the summer. These schools will serve as models for the rest of the state.

Rhode Island expects to receive \$16 million in Reading First funds over the next six years. These funds will be used to purchase scientifically based reading materials, to develop assessments, and to establish professional-development programs for reading teachers.

